

HOLT HOSTS "D.C. DAY" FOR NEW JERSEY HIGH TECH SMALL BUSINESSES

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today hosted more than 50 representatives from high tech small businesses throughout his Central New Jersey 12th Congressional District for another in his series of "DC Days." Participants met with members of Congress, executive branch leaders, and small business leaders, discussing the importance of science and innovation to the U.S. economy and small business grant opportunities.

"We have seen the fruits of innovation for our economy," Holt said. "The challenges of the 21st century require that we recognize that innovation is fundamental to our nation's economic growth. These high tech small businesses are on the front lines of our economic recovery. Today's meetings offered an opportunity for them to have a constructive dialogue with policymakers on issues that affect their business and our local economy."

In February, Holt worked to ensure that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act made landmark investments in science, technology, and small businesses. With increased funding for business loans, job creation, and high-tech innovation, this legislation helps small businesses throughout New Jersey innovate to meet the demands of the 21st century. Provisions in this bill include five year carry back provisions to increase tax refunds for small businesses, \$21 billion in federal funding for small business loans, \$22 billion in scientific research funding, tax incentives to increase investment in small businesses, and increased grant opportunities to encourage high-tech innovation. Participants learned how to take advantage of small business research grants and procurement opportunities.

Throughout the year, Holt hosts "D.C. Days" to bring representatives of various New Jersey groups to Washington for discussions with policy makers and opinion leaders. Wednesday's speakers included Robert Atkinson, the President of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Mike Quear, Staff Director of the Technology and Innovation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science and Technology; Andrew McLaughlin, Deputy Chief Technology Officer at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Bridget Bean of the Small Business Administration; Dave Goodwin of the Department of Energy; Joe Misanin of the Department of Defense; and U.S. Representatives Jared Polis (CO-2), Jason Altmire (PA-4),

and John Larson (CT-1).

Attending the day-long event were representatives from high tech small businesses from across New Jersey, including:

Access Optical Networks (based in Manalapan) Advanced Cerametrics (Lambertville) Akela Laser (Monmouth Junction)

AncecoCorp (Holmdel)

Arch Personal care Products (South Plainfield)

Artann Laboratories (Lambertville)

BioNJ (Trenton)

Biopharm Engineering (Lawrenceville)

Bradford Group Consulting (Lawrenceville)

Carbozyme (Monmouth Junction)

Chromocell Corporation (North Brunswick)

Cresa Partners (Princeton)

Discovery Semiconductors (Ewing)

Excom, Inc. (Holmdel)

Germguard Lighting, LLC (Dover)

Innospera (Bridgewater)

InPoint Systems (Princeton)

Knite Inc. (Princeton Junction)

Kutner Associates (Princeton)

Light Age (Somerset)

Nexomics Biosciences (Piscataway)

NJ Commission on Science and Technology

NJ Tech Center (Shrewsbury)

Notrtheast Consulting Works, LLC (North Brunswick)

Orthobond (Monmouth Junction)

PharmSeq, Inc. (Monmouth Junction)

Princeton Computers, Inc. (Pennington)

Princeton Satellite Systems (Plainsboro)

Regado Biosciences (Basking Ridge)

Research Assist, Inc. (Bridgewater)

Semandex (Skillman)

The Bayne Group, LLC (Princeton)

Trenton Fuel Works, LLC (Trenton)

VaxInnate (Cranbury)

WalkerTek (Fairfield)

Westgate Consulting Group, Inc. (Wall)

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